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SUBJ: RENTAL OF ADDITIONAL HOUSING

1. UPDK HAS OFFERED THE EMBASSY HOUSING SPACE FOR ONE LARGE THREE-BEDROOM AND ONE ON-BEDROOM APARTMENTS. UPDK REQUESTS AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE SINCE APARTMENT SPACE CANNOT BE HELD OPEN FOR MORE THAN FEW DAYS.

2. FOR THREE-BEDROOM UPDK IS OFFERING TWO ADJOINING UNITS TO BE RECONFIGURED INTO ONE. REMODELING WOULD RESULT IN SINGLE KITCHEN, LARGE DINING ROOM, LARGE LIVING ROOM AND TWO FULL BATHS OR BATH/LAUNDRY ROOM IN ADDITION TO THREE BEDROOMS, WITH TOTAL SPACE THUS SUITABLE FOR REPRESENTATION USE ON LIMITED SCALE. ANNUAL RENTAL WILL APPROXIMATE \$3,750.00 (EXACT FIGURE IS CALCULATED BY UPDK ON BASIS OF FLOOR SPACE WHICH CANNOT BE PRECISELY DETERMINED UNTIL FINAL RECONFIGURATION FLOOR PLANS ARE AVAILABLE). EXCLUSIVE OF FURNISHINGS, THE COST OF REMODELING IS ESTIMATED AT \$7,000, BUT CANNOT BE DETERMINED MORE EXACTLY UNTIL UPDK PROVIDES WRITTEN ESTIMATE.

3. OTHER UNIT OFFERED BY UPDK HAS THREE ROOMS PLUS KITCHEN AND BATH, BUT TO BE COMFORTABLE FOR SINGLE PERSON OR MARRIED COUPLE, WOULD HAVE TO BE REMODELED. WE PROPOSE CONVERSION INTO APARTMENT WITH BEDROOM, LIVING/DINING ROOM, KITCHEN, LAUNDRY AND BATH, AT COST

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EXCLUSIVE OF FURNISHINGS ESTIMATED ABOUT \$3,000.

ANNUAL RENTAL WOULD APPROXIMATE \$1,900.00. (AS NOTED ABOVE, FINAL FIGURE FOR REMODELING AND RENTAL DEPENDENT ON RECEIPT OF WRITTEN ESTIMATES FROM UPDK.)

4. REQUEST IMMEDIATE AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THESE APARTMENTS FOR RENT AND TO UNDERTAKE REMODELING DESCRIBED ABOVE. HOUSING SPACE IS URGENTLY REQUIRED BY THE EMBASSY AND UPDK CAN GIVE NO ASSURANCES THAT ALTERNATIVE SPACE CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE. IN MAKING OFFER UPDK HOUSING CHIEF STRESSED CRITICAL SHORTAGE IN MOSCOW, ALLEGING THAT HE HAS 463 REQUESTS ON HIS BOOKS FOR 1974 AND CANNOT SATISFY ALL.
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